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To Correspondents.

A Respectful Inquirer.—The important subject involved in our correspondent's question cannot, of course, be properly discussed in a line or two. The key to explain all such difficulties as "A Respectful Inquirer" feels will be found in these two principles: first, that the whole system of devotional practices and phraseology sanctioned by the Catholic Church is designed for the edification *of her children*, and is not framed with a view to conciliate Protestants; and secondly, that she claims the right of interpreting her own language in her own sense. Such terms as "worship" and "adoration" are theological expressions, or (if we may so say) *technical.* When the Church speaks of the *adoration* of the Cross on Good Friday, she addresses her children, whom she never ceases to teach that *divine* honours are to be paid to God alone, and that when the word "adoration" is used towards that which is not God, it *necessarily* is to be taken as expressing an honour, real indeed, but in no degree divine. The same explanation would be given by the author of the Spanish devotion to which our correspondent specifically refers. Protestants can no more object to our using the terms "adoration" and "worship" in the sense *we* affix to them, than we can charge them with idolatry because they call a magistrate "worshipful," and address him as "your worship."

We shall be glad to learn that this explanation is satisfactory to our correspondent.

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